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**PRESS RELEASE FROM THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION
CELEBRATING WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

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The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Virgin Islands Board of Education encourages schools and learning communities to celebrate April 24 through 28 as the Week of the Young Child.

Winona A. Hendricks, Virgin Islands Board Chair states "Our youngest learners, their teachers and families need exciting, creative and multi-sensory activities: to develop their ability to think, read, count and learn about their surroundings especially during Carnival Week.

Carnival Week which is coincidentally, the Week of the Young Child, so the Virgin Islands Board of Education members urge the community to adopt and support Public Education by Celebrating in the following way:

Monday - sing, dance, celebrate & learn

Tuesday - be safe and supervised for all carnival activities

Wednesday - eat healthy at home and at the food fair

Thursday - get lots of rest for parade days

Friday - join a school troupe or name characters, themes and ideas in the Children 's parade

Saturday - wear your best smile to end the Young Learners Week.

Younger Learners are important to the future of our community. Help them Celebrate Learning!

Please contact the Virgin Islands Board of Education for more information on the Week of the Young Child at (340) 772-4144 or Fax No. (340) 772-2895 or (340) 774-4546 or Fax No. (340) 774-3384.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Virgin Islands Board of Education is committed to its vision and will promote the transformation of the structure of existing public education through:
1. governance over the public education system; 2. improved student, parent, teacher relationship; 3. comprehensive community engagement; 4. standards that promote high academic achievement; 5. creation of an environment that is conducive to effective communication; 6. enhanced quality of professional development for all; 7. provision of adequate resources to achieve our vision, goals and objectives.

VISION STATEMENT

To ensure that each child is provided with the best quality education which promotes our history and culture, guarantees academic achievement and builds strong communities.